

ATTACHMENT A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO
FORM THE NORTH AREA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE ("NATA").**

WHEREAS, the Denver region currently serves as home to 2.5 million people and another 1 million are expected to move to the metro area by 2030; and

WHEREAS, by 2030, a large number of the 1 million people moving to this area are anticipated to locate in communities north of Interstate 70 that rely on north Interstate 25 as a major transportation corridor; and

WHEREAS, north Interstate 25 has significant congestion issues now and the expected increase in transportation demand will only serve to increase this problem;

WHEREAS, transportation improvements in the north metro area are key to future economic development, improving mobility, and reducing traffic congestion in the north metro area; and

WHEREAS, the RTD FasTracks program approved by the voters in 2004 planned to provide commuter rail service to the entire Denver metro area including three lines to serve the geographic area north of I-25 through the North Metro Line, Northwest Rail and I-225 Corridor and to provide bus rapid transit improvements along US 36 by 2017; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that these lines will not be built by RTD FasTracks until 2034 or later thereby exacerbating the transportation problems for commuters in the north metro area and potentially limiting the future economic development potential of this area; and

WHEREAS, with no significant improvements planned to address congestion on north I-25 until after 2035, the communities whose residents and employers rely on north I-25 as the major transportation corridor desire to form a partnership of public and private entities in the north I-25 corridor to identify, develop, advocate and lobby for transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north metro area; and

WHEREAS, a key objective of NATA is to provide an arena for the communities and employers who rely on the transportation systems along the north I-25 Corridor and within the NATA geographic area to serve their residents and employees to discuss key topics affecting transportation and take action to further enhance mobility, drive economic development, and reduce traffic congestion in the north metro area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned organizations agree to form the North Area Transportation Alliance and adopt the mission, membership, and organizational principles set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS. This Memorandum of Understanding may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be effective and which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[need signature sheet w/ clerk/notary attestation]

Founding Members:

Adams County:

By: _____ Date: _____, 2009
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Clerk and Recorder

Weld County:

By: _____ Date: _____, 2009
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Clerk and Recorder

City & County of Broomfield:

By: _____ Date: _____, 2009
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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Clerk and Recorder

City of Brighton

By: _____ Date: _____, 2009
Mayor, [name]

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Clerk

Commerce City:

By: _____ Date: _____, 2009
Mayor, [name]

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Clerk

Town of Dacono

By: _____ Date: _____, 2009
Mayor, [name]

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City of Federal Heights

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Town of Frederick

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Town of Firestone

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Town of Erie

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City of Longmont

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City of Thornton

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City of Westminster

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Clerk

Metro North Chamber of Commerce:

By: _____ Date: _____, 2009

President

Adams County Economic Development Council:

By: _____ Date: _____, 2009

Chairman